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Photo by Senior Airman Melanie Bobair

**An A-10 maintenance crew comprised of A-10 Thunderbolt II. The aircraft is slated members from 57th Equipment to fly in the last Green Flag exercise. Maintenance Squadron and 57th Future Red Flag exercises will capture the Component Repair Squadron repair an spirit of both premier flag exercises.**

## Last Green Flag exercise starts

By Ms. Monique Staskiewicz  
AWFC Public Affairs

The 414th Combat Training Squadron is conducting its last large scale, live fly, electronic warfare exercise, Green Flag, which started July 30 and runs through Sept. 9.

"This will be the last Green Flag exercise," said Maj. James Hale, 414th CTS. "Starting in October, all Red Flags will have some green in them to ensure that all aircrews coming to Nellis can train the way we would fight."

Squadrons from United Kingdom, Italy, Singapore, Germany and Canada have joined U.S. forces to participate in this simulated war. Electronic warfare assets, planning staff and intelligence support have an opportunity to show their skills in realistic war scenarios.

Green Flag will have 119 aircraft and 2,245 people participating.

During the exercise, the two sides are divided into attackers versus defenders or blue and red operations. Each side has an assigned commander and planning staff to direct their opposing missions, said Maj. Hale. Additional Air Force, Navy and Marine squadrons will also participate.

"There are a lot of different aircraft flying, everything from F-16s, F-15s, German and Italian Tornados and a NATO E-3. An unusual aircraft, the British Nimrod, which is equivalent to our Rivet Joint aircraft, will be here," said Maj. Hale. "There are very few of those aircraft around."

With five squadrons and three types of aircraft coming from Pisa, Piacenza and Gioiadelcolle, Italy, Col. Claudio Gabellini, Italian At-

tack and Reconnaissance Brigade, is able to train his aircrews in Nevada without restrictions.

"The most important part is the training my crews receive. They will be able to fly in a real war scenario, have a chance to train with different aircraft from different countries, and fly at low levels which are restricted zones in my country," said Col. Gabellini.

This last Green Flag is designed to reflect a simulated desert war on the Nellis range.

"For this Green Flag we tried to tailor it to the units who will be deploying to the Middle East. This exercise scenario is modeled after a hypothetical Middle East conflict," said Maj. Hale.

"The purpose of Green Flag is to train the least experienced and to prepare our forces to fight in a sophisticated electronic combat environment," said Maj. Hale. "This is real-life training for war."





# Air Force continues to reverse parts shortfall

By Staff Sgt. A.J. Bosker  
Air Force Print News

WASHINGTON — The Air Force logistics community continues efforts to reverse a negative trend in spare parts availability. The result is a 54 percent reduction in back orders for repairable spare parts since December 1998, according to logistics officials.

The latest monthly total not mission capable for supply rate — measuring the number of aircraft unable to fly due to lack of spare parts — for Air Combat Command fighter aircraft is 11.4 percent and is the best in 24 months, said Lt. Col. Marti Ham, an Air Force logistics analyst. The overall Air Force TNMCS rate is 13.4 percent, an improvement from 16.1 percent in September 1999.

"What we are seeing is a general improvement in spares support. But we remain cautiously optimistic, realizing we must continue to work hard to ensure these trends continue," said Lt. Col. Tom Meredith, supply management activity group chief, in the

Air Force Aircraft and Missile Support Division.

In recent years, constrained spare parts funding combined with an unusually high operations tempo and an aging fleet degraded the level of spare parts sustainability, Col. Meredith said.

As a result, over the last decade, supply shortfalls directly contributed to an increase in non-mission capable rates.

"While increasing non-mission capable supply rates are troubling," he said, "what is more troubling is the fact that they are an indication that our Air Force professionals working on the flightline and in the depots don't always have the spare parts they need to keep planes in the air."

Without the spare parts available to keep aircraft flying required sorties, maintenance troops often have to resort to cannibalizing spare parts from one aircraft to repair another.

According to Meredith, the Air Force has been focusing on reversing this cannibalization trend because it doubles the workload for maintainers.

The Air Force's efforts have succeeded in stabilizing the overall cannibalization rates since fiscal 1997, according to Ham.

The biggest factor contributing to recent improvements in spares availability is the partnership between the Air Staff, Air Force Materiel Command and the operational commands to establish a more accurate picture of what is required to fly the fleet combined with increased funding for buy and repair, said Col. Meredith.

"We began increasing spares funding since fiscal 1998 and were able to fully fund 100 percent of the major commands' spares accounts for flying beginning with the FY 00 President's Budget," he said. "We also focused on our readiness spares packages beginning in fiscal 2000 to ensure funding was identified. Our overall goal is to bring Air Force readiness rates back to pre-Desert Storm levels."

In fiscal 1999, the Air Force was also able to get an additional \$382 million in funding to restock supply shelves with critical aviation spares — the majority of which included engine parts. Fifty percent

of these parts have already been delivered to the field and troops can expect to see most of the remaining parts delivered in fiscal 2001, according to Col. Meredith.

Additional efforts to continue this positive trend include an initiative by the Defense Logistics Agency, in conjunction with Air Force Materiel Command and the Department of Defense, to invest \$500 million over four years beginning in this fiscal year. This will increase aviation and engine-related spare parts availability from 50 percent to 82 percent. Of the \$500 million, 53 percent is specifically targeted for Air Force weapons systems.

"The Air Force is making great strides to put parts in the hands of the men and women working hard on our flightlines to keep our weapon systems working," said Lt. Gen. Michael E. Zettler, deputy chief of staff for Installations and Logistics, Headquarters Air Force. "It is too early to declare victory, but results are promising. We are committed to increasing spare parts availability — ensuring logistics remains a critical force enabler."

## Nellis logistics noticing spare parts trend

By Tech. Sgt. Barajas  
AWFC/Public Affairs

Team Nellis is noticing both an upward and downward trend in the number of aircraft spare parts on back order.

The HH-60 Pavehawk rate is the only one experiencing an upward trend.

This isn't unique to Nellis, according to Master Sgt. George Tidwell, 57th Logistics Group.

"All HH-60 units within the command are having the same problems getting in spare parts."

Spare parts availability appears to have improved for other aircraft here.

Nellis is also home to A-10s, F-15C/Ds, F-15Es and three blocks of F-16s. According to Sgt. Tidwell all these aircraft are showing a decrease in rates at varying degrees.

Not having a combat mission is

a deciding factor on ranking the order a unit receives spare parts.

"Since we are a training unit and not a combat unit we are at the bottom of the food chain," said Col. Wallace Collins, 57th LG commander. "And without having a combat mission we are not authorized mission readiness spares packages or war readiness spare engines."

"MRSPs are air transportable sets of spares and repair parts

required to support planned wartime or contingency operations for a specified period of time pending resupply," said Mr. John Malone, 99th Supply deputy. "The benefits obtained from an MRSP are top priority replenishment and additive spares/repair parts to existing base stock levels."

"We are not close to meeting ACC standards, but we did get better."

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# JEFX promotes realistic warfighting scenarios

By Tech. Sgt. Rich Covington  
AWFC Public Affairs

Nellis Air Force Base, in unison with Hurlburt Field, Fla., and Langley Air Force Base, Va., are beginning final preparations for a grand experiment.

Joint Expeditionary Forces Experiment 2000, Spiral 3, begins Aug. 4 and ends Aug. 13. It is the final preparation for the execution and live fly, which begins Aug. 28 and Sept. 11, respectively.

This exercise is the third in a series of large-scale Air Force experiments designed to prepare the Air Force people for the challenges of future combat. It combines live-fly forces, simulations and technology in-

sertion to form a realistic environment to allow warfighters Air Force-wide to explore new and promising technologies and processes.

According to JEFX officials, integration of agile combat support considerations into the expeditionary aerospace force environment is the primary area of emphasis for this experiment.

"During this JEFX, for example, we're go-

ing to use new technology, surveillance, intelligence and reconnaissance abilities to shorten the time it takes to identify and attack a target," said Lt. Col. Rod Matte, JEFX Joint Personnel Access Center commander.

According to Col. Matte, ideally, aircrews could launch and then, with enhanced command and control technologies, be given a target for attack. Currently, it can take up 72 hours before the target is attacked.

The experiment involves all Air Force major commands and is the Air Force contribution to the U.S. Joint Forces Command experiment, Millennium Challenge 2000.

The experiment includes three spirals or phases, each to gain a better preparation for the

execution and live-fly phase of the experiment. The execution phase on Aug. 28 - Sept. 15 will involve more than 65 aircraft and approximately 1,500 people in the Nellis area.

The time-critical targeting efforts revolve around new technologies and processes tested in the compound, adjacent to the Red Flag building. Spiral 2 was held within this new facility May 31 through June 9.

"The Air Warfare Center effort in support of

JEFX 00 has truly been a 'Team Nellis' effort," said Col. Dennis Littrell, Air Warfare Center Test, Training and Experimentation Division director. "The success, and the ability to conduct Spiral 2 activities at Nellis, was primarily due to the

extraordinary efforts of the 99th Air Base Wing, 99th Civil Engineering Squadron, 99th Communications Squadron, and a host of other organizations throughout Nellis and the



Air Force. In less than two months they turned an open parking lot into a state-of-the-art command and control facility. As a result, the Spiral 2 efforts exceeded all expectations of the experiment leaders at Langley, Hurlburt, and Hanscom Air Force Bases."

Nellis' proximity to the Nevada Test and Training Range led to the selection of Nellis as one of the major sites to support JEFX.

Said Col. Littrell, "Nellis provides a premier location, facilities, infrastructure, and expertise to support the experiment as well as a perfect environment in which new warfighting concepts and technologies can be given a realistic evaluation that is crucial to the success of the experiment."

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***We're going to use new technology, intelligence and reconnaissance abilities to shorten the time it takes for an aircraft to take out a target.***

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**Lt. Col. Rod Matte**  
JEFX Joint Personnel Center Access commander

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## ACC announces Airspace and Range Professional of the Year

By Ms. Mary Hegland  
Range Management Office

Air Combat Command's 1999 Airspace and Range Professional Senior NCO of the Year is a member of Team Nellis.

Senior Master Sgt. Larry Gaer, Air Warfare Center's Range Management Office, was the recipient of one of the command's top awards.

Superintendent of the Electronic Warfare Range Division, Sgt. Gaer manages day-to-day activities of 50 people. The EWR division provides government oversight of three major Air Force contracts employing hundreds of people.

During the period of the award, he forged the division from conception to actuality, using a diverse matrix of elements from both ACC and Air Force Materiel Command, said Mr. Richard Gillman, director of EWR.

"Sgt. Gaer is most deserving of this recognition," said Mr. Gillman. "He consistently dis-

plays dedication and professionalism in every aspect of his military and personal life. He leads through example and always gets 100 percent plus from his people."

Sgt. Gaer said it's the team who earned the award.

"RMO and Nevada Test and Training Range are in a constant state of flux to adapt to ever-changing test and training needs of the Department of Defense," said Sgt. Gaer. "The entire RMO team has worked very hard to anticipate these requirements, providing the premier testing and training environment for our warfighters."

"I'm honored to be a member of that team. It's the team that earned this award. I was singled out, but we have quite a few hard-working, dedicated folks in the RMO—all deserving recognition."

The RMO commander echoes Sgt. Gaer's comments on the team effort.

"The importance of the NTTR to



Photo by Senior Airman Melonie Bobair

**Air Combat Command's 1999 Airspace and Range Professional Senior NCO of the Year, Senior Master Sgt. Larry Gaer, Air Warfare Center's Range Management Office.**

the aerospace tester and trainer cannot be overstated," said Col. Ricardo Cazessus, RMO commander. "The wide breadth of available airspace, targets, threats and instrumentation provide a quality battlespace ... but it's the dedication of the government and contractor team that makes the NTTR unique. Larry's efforts were a critical ingredient in building a cohesive team that enables the RMO to provide world class support to our test and training customers."

Sgt. Gaer singled out several people for helping his Air Force career.

"I'd like to thank my wife, Julia, and my four sons for putting up with my long hours, temporary duty assignments and giving me the space I needed after a stressful day," said Sgt. Gaer. "My thanks also to Col. Cazessus, Mr. Gillman and the entire RMO team for challenging me, considering me worthy and taking the time to submit me for this award."





## Action Line

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Col. Del Eulberg  
99th Air Base Wing

Nellis' Action Line is your direct line to the 99th Air Base Wing commander, Col. Del Eulberg. If you have worked through normal channels and are not satisfied with the answer, the Action Line is your opportunity to ask questions or make suggestions about the subjects of concern to the Nellis community.

Please leave your name and phone number in case more specific information is required. You may also use our e-mail address: commander.action@nellis.af.mil. Action Lines of general interest will be published in the Bullseye; others will be answered by phone. Remember, the quickest and most efficient way to solve a problem is to talk directly to the office that is responsible. This gives them a chance to help you and perhaps improve the process.

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# Abusing golf course tee times



I'm making a complaint about an individual using a tee-time number of a prior active-duty individual who has been gone for about four months. He's still using the tee-time number to reserve active-duty tee times. I'm retired, and I can't get a tee time.

I've made several complaints but nothing seems to be done about it.



Thank you for your call and bringing this to my attention. Based on your inquiry, our golf course management found someone was using a reservation number of an active duty member no longer assigned here.

The staff immediately canceled tee-time reserva-

tions made for the upcoming weekend and eliminated that name from the system. Further, the staff established procedures to periodically scrub names on the reservation system to prevent abuses of this kind.

With the information available, the staff was not able to identify the culprit in this scheme and could not verify that individual's affiliation to the base.

It's very unfortunate that someone was abusing the tee-time reservation system. I do apologize for the inconvenience this issue may have caused you and our other patrons.

We don't know your method of complaint, but please put all future complaints in writing. Comment cards are available, so we have a record and a tracking mechanism to make sure all complaints are properly handled.

## History Challenge

1. What U.S. Army Air Force general, who later commanded all Air Force units in the southwest Pacific in World War II, had the distinction of being the pilot who shot down Hermann Goering in October 1918?

2. What unit did John J. Pershing command in the Spanish-American war?

### Answers:

1: General George C. Kenny. He also devised such innovations as low-level parachute fragmentation bombs.

2: He commanded the Tenth Cavalry, an African-American unit. It is said that this assignment, along with his sternness and lack of humor, resulted in the nickname "Black Jack," which remained with him for the rest of his life.

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# An airman's code: everybody is somebody's wingman



Photo by Staff Sgt. Jim Bianchi

**By Chief Master Sgt. Ike Moore  
57th Wing Command Chief**

Today we are fortunate to live in an era of resurgence in American pride, patriotism and respect for uniformed service members.

As I travel in uniform across our great country, I am forever amazed at our countrymen's gaze and comments as I dash through airport terminals. It is a constant reminder that we are recognized as the "Greatest Air Force in the World."

I am humbled by the fact that many of our predecessors sacrificed so much to get us here. Many were chastised and ostracized in their quest for a separate and independent Air Force, capable of responding anywhere in the world on a moment's notice. I reflect on the many great leaders from our past- men like Billy Mitchell who sacrificed his career and reputation.

He made sacrifices not for a revolution in the Armed Services but the evolution of an Air Force, equal to our sister services. I also think of men like Benjamin O. Davis, who persevered through years of racial bigotry to go on to become a World War II hero and catalyst in the integration of all the Armed Services. I reflect on Paul Airey, the forefather of the modern day noncommissioned officer. I try to imagine the hardships he endured as a World War II prisoner of war and how he persevered to make the meteoric rise to become our first Chief Master Sergeant of the Air Force. I also think of modern day lead-

ers such as Gen. Johnny Jumper, whose courage and leadership during the Allied air forces campaign brought about peace in the former Republic of Yugoslavia.

Reflecting on our rich history helps me to understand why people look at us with such a gleam of admiration. I then realize that they are not focused on us at all, but what our institution represents. We are a symbol of all America's greatness and unlimited possibilities. Realizing that the entire Air Force is on display, I am ever mindful to always wear my uniform properly and make sure that my fellow airmen do the same.

We must adapt a fundamental shift in our culture about the wear of our uniform. Over the last several years, we have become complacent and a bit squeamish about reminding fellow airmen on uniform infractions. I often witness officers and NCOs change their "flight path" or pretend not to notice these issues when encountered. Many fear the experience of a

possible negative confrontation. As members of this prestigious organization, this is part of our responsibilities as airmen.

Most often people don't recognize that they are wearing their uniform improperly. Often in the heat of the mission, they overlook details. It is every airman's duty to look out for one another and point out these uniform violations when they occur.

Everybody is somebody's wingman. Whether we are on base or off base, we are always on display. We must never lose sight of the fact that we represent the greatest Air Force in the world. Let's work to preserve that image and public trust.

So the next time you see a fellow airman "out of uniform," gently remind him or her, "Hi, I'm your wingman and you probably didn't realize that your hat is missing, or your shirt is unbuttoned, etc." Most often, if they are proud of their profession and the organization they serve, they will warmly thank you and be on their way.



## Up close



Photo by Airman 1st Class Ashley Sorrels

**Left, Brig. Gen. David Moody, 57th Wing commander, passes the guidon to Col. Mike Roller, 57th Operations Group commander, during the recent change of command ceremony.**

**Name:** Col. Mike Roller

**Unit:** 57th Operations Group

**Date Assumed Command:** July 21

**Previous Job:** Chief, Air Force Foreign Liaison Division, Pentagon

**Time In Service:** 21 Years

**Commissioning Source:** U.S. Air Force Academy

**Family:** Wife, Libby; children: Brian, Sam and Kristina

**Hobbies:** Sports, cars, carpentry, camping

**Why is your unit important to the Air Force mission?** Each of the six squadrons within the 57th Operations Group have important missions that involve either operational employment of aerospace force or the training of U.S. and international allies to fight and win in a conflict. The 57th OG exists only to support these squadrons as they train or train others to fight and win in combat.

**Command Philosophy:** Take care of the people and the people will take care of the mission.

**What are your goals for your unit?** Maintain the high standards already in place while communicating to our folks that they are performing a mission which will have long-term positive effects on our Air Force. My personal goal for the members of 57th OG is years from now they be able to look back with great pride on the many accomplishments they were responsible for here at Nellis.

## Nellis hosts food drive

**By Capt. Debbie Anderson  
ACC Training Support Squadron,  
DET 8**

The Southern Nevada Federal Executive Association and Nellis Company Grade Officer's Council are sponsoring a base-wide food drive. Summer is traditionally a hard time for local food pantries. Collection dates are Aug. 14 through 18 at the Commissary and Aug. 14 through 25 at each unit's first sergeant office. Donations go to Nellis' Red Cross Food Locker and local food pantries and charities.

We are collecting nonperishable food and paper products as well as personal hygiene items. Volunteers are needed at the commissary collection stations. Contact Master Sgt. James Scott at 652-2298. If you have questions about the drive or would like to make a donation, call 652-4892 or email [debbie.anderson@nellis.af.mil](mailto:debbie.anderson@nellis.af.mil).



# Warrior of the Week

Staff Sgt. Charles Marter



**Unit:** Air Warfare Center Safety  
**Duty Title:** Weapons Safety  
Manager  
**Hometown:** Terre Haute, Ind.  
**Time in Air Force:** 14 years  
**Time at Nellis:** 6 years and 5  
months  
**Hobbies:** Networking, computers,  
hiking and camping  
**Goal:** To become a Microsoft

Certified System Engineer.  
**If I could change one thing about  
Nellis?** I would have more  
incentive flights for maintainers.  
**What's my favorite Air Force  
memory?** I have two, seeing  
Japan, Guam and Hawaii while on  
my mid-tour from Kunsan, Korea.  
And all the people I have met  
during my time in the military.



Photo by Staff Sgt. Jim Bianchi





Photo by Airman 1st Class Ashley Sorrels

## *99th Supply Squadron change of command*

**Lt. Col. Scott Chambers, left, relinquishes command by passing 99th Supply Squadron's flag to Col. Fayne McDowell, 99th Logistics Group commander, during the change of command ceremony July 28.**

### **Red Flag's 25th**

**The celebration of the 25th anniversary of Red Flag begins Sept. 8. A dedication ceremony is scheduled for 9 a.m. Sept. 9 in the Red Flag building. Nellis will host a golf tournament at Mountain Vista Golf Club with a formal dinner that evening at the Flamingo Hilton hotel. Guest speaker to be announced. For more information, call Lt. Col. Paul Geier at 652-4440.**



## **National POW/ MIA Recognition Day: Sept. 15**

**The nation is commemorating all prisoners of war and those fallen comrades still missing in action around the world with solemn events and remembrances nation wide. For more information visit the Defense POW/MIA web site at [www.dtic.mil/dpmo/powday/pow\\_rec\\_day\\_00.htm](http://www.dtic.mil/dpmo/powday/pow_rec_day_00.htm).**





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Today

**Titan A. E. (PG)**  
*Animated*

A thousand years from now, Earth is destroyed by an attacking race of aliens known as the Drej. Cale, a human teenager, has a map given to him by his father that will lead him to the Titan, a starship that contains the last survivors of the planet, and can lead them to a new Earth. However, the Drej are in hot pursuit, and want Cale very much dead.  
*Action violence, mild sensuality and brief language*

Saturday and Sunday

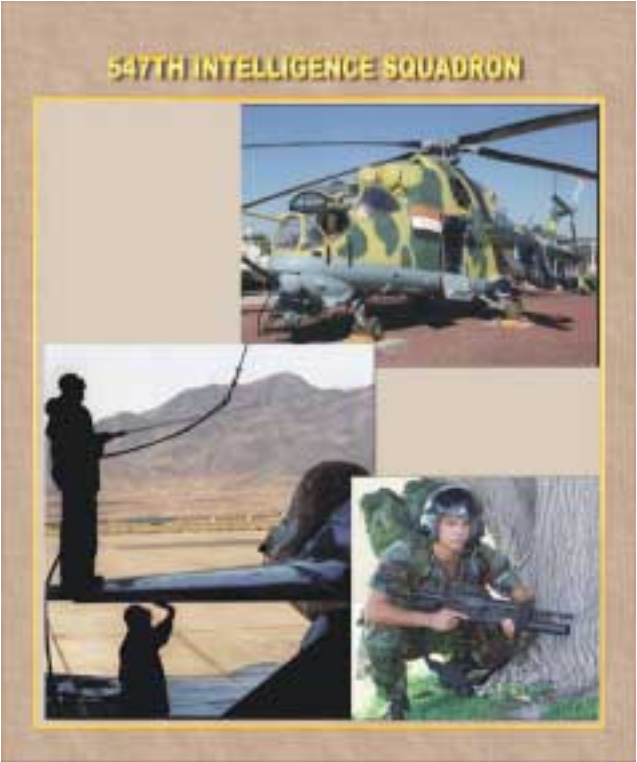
**The Adventures of Rocky and Bullwinkle (PG)**  
*Animated*

Yes, it's true, notoriously evil Boris and Natasha are back and are up to no good. They have managed to break the secret code and make the leap from their cartoon existence into the real world. Led by a criminal mastermind, they have devised a plot to take over the world.  
*Mild brief language*

Monday

**Boys and Girls (PG-13)**  
*Freddie Prinze Jr., Claire Forlani*

When they first meet as kids on an airplane, Jennifer and Ryan set the tone for their life-long relationship, fighting and flirting. Over the next few years they meet again developing a real passion for despising one another. But by the time they both get to college, their antagonism starts turning to friendship, the kind only one unexpected thing could possibly destroy - sex.  
*Sexual content*



Nellis Now

**The 574th Intelligence Squadron provides intelligence support for both the 57th Wing and the 99th Air Base Wing. They also maintain the only hands-on Threat Training Facility in the Air Force.**



# Nellis splashes at Wet-n-Wild



Photo by Staff Sgt. Russell Cooley

**Jessica Miller and Avriel Pierre take a splash on one of the many rides at Wet -n-Wild. The two girls took part in the summer activity put on by the Nellis' Community Center.**

## Air Force Ball



Nellis is sponsoring an Air Force Ball, Sept. 16 at the MGM Grand. Social hour starts at 6 p.m. with dinner at 7 p.m.

**Ticket prices are:**

E-1 through E-4	\$20
E-5 through E-6	\$25
All others	\$30

**Dress:**  
Semi-formal and appropriate civilian attire.

**Guest speaker:**  
To be announced.

For more information, contact your first sergeant.





## Strike wins quarterly 57th load crew honors

***Below, from left, Staff Sgt. Gary Schroeder, Senior Airman Christopher Montero and Airman 1st. Class Daniel Barrett, members of the 57th Logistics Support Squadron, Thunder Aircraft Maintenance Flight, prepare to load a practice munition during the load crew competition held here July 14.***

***Right, from the right, Airman Montero, Sgt. Schroeder and Airman Barrett load a missile on the wing of an F-15 as part of the competition. Strike won the event this quarter. Participants from Eagle, Falcon, Thunder, Viper and Strike took part to prove who is the best load crew at Nellis.***



Photos by Staff Sgt. Russell Cooley





## *Inspirational performances at Nellis Chapel*



Photos by Senior Airman Melanie Bobair

**Left, D'Lawrence Armstrong sings "The Friendly Beast" during the Vacation Bible School Sunday performance of Noah and his Arky Animals play.**

**Above, the Donkey, Carl Johnson Jr., Sheep, Samantha Hargrove and Dove, Graci Perkins stand quietly while "The Friendly Beast" song is performed.**

**Right, Zachary Bowens blows his trumpet during the song "A Place in the Choir."**







File Photo

**By Ms. Monique Staskiewicz  
AWFC Public Affairs**

"I closed in gradually and let go some short bursts of lead. I could see the bullets hitting him and the pieces flying. I continued to maneuver and fire long bursts and he started to smoke very badly," Lt. Col. Hinton told the Sacramento Bee in 1950.

Retired Col. Bruce Hinton, commander of the 336th Fighter/Interceptor Squadron in the Korean War, was the first F-86 pilot to shoot down a North Korean MiG.

When the Korean War broke out, Lt. Col. Hinton was assigned to Langley Air Force Base, Va., commanding one of three 4th Fighter Wing squadrons.

"The news came that the Korean War broke out at about midnight," said Col. Hinton. "I got a telephone call at my home in Hampton, Va., telling me to gather my squadron together at once. The 336th FS had been given three days off having fulfilled the semiannual operations goals. So to find my squadron, I started calling and running around town to various homes, bars and restaurants and wherever else people gathered. We finally got together around three in the morning at squadron operations.

# Back in time: First F-86 MiG Kill

We were briefed on our mission and flew out by sunrise."

Col. Hinton's squadron temporarily relocated to Andrews Air Force Base, Md., June 25, 1950. The colonel was tasked to set up an alert flight against any possible enemy intrusions off the East Coast; his mission was to guard the nation's capital. His squadron did this for about three weeks before receiving an assignment to Korea.

Col. Hinton's F-86 planes passed through Sacramento, Calif., to be camouflaged and placed on decks of big oil tankers heading to Japan.

After unloading in Kisarazu, Japan, the colonel then transferred his flight and planes over to Johnson Air Base to be prepped for

side of the Yalu River. During Col. Hinton's take off, his F-86's landing gear had trouble retracting, finally operating on his third attempt.

"We had very little idea of what a MiG looked like," said Col. Hinton. "We were told that it performed like a P-80, one of our slower jets. That was about all we knew."

Patrolling at 30,000 feet, Col. Hinton told his flight to fly slowly and let the MiGs come out after them.

In a very short time, Col. Hinton saw four airplanes climbing fast toward his flight of F-86s. The MiGs flew right under his F-86s and then turned to come back. The colonel attempted to call his pilots

Switching targets, Col. Hinton shot at the second plane's engine. Flames started coming out of the tail pipe and the MiG began slowing down.

Col. Hinton deployed his speed brakes and stayed on the MiG's tail.

"I was so close I could see the rivets and the writing on the plane," said Col. Hinton. "I was amazed at the beauty of the aircraft but realized that this MiG had flames coming out of it and it might blow."

Having one last look, Col. Hinton squeezed on the trigger and let him have all the lead he could put out. As Col. Hinton's F-86 pulled away, the MiG spiraled around and hit the ground.

His flight watched the MiG kill from a distance, having chased the other three MiGs out of the battlespace.

Unable to use his radio, Col. Hinton returned to Kimpo alone. He was greeted by his ground crew and reporters from all over the United States.

According to the Philadelphia Evening Bulletin story, Col. Hinton streaked back from his first air battle in an F-86 and did a victory roll over the runway. The cheering men on base knew. They jumped and began to shout: "He got one! He downed a MiG!"

This was the start of the battle between the F-86s and the MiGs, a war that continued for three years. U.S. pilots and their fighter jets established a 16-1 air-to-air kill ratio over Korea.

Retired from active duty with 26 years of service, Col. Hinton now lives in Henderson, Nev., with his wife, Jenny.

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combat and to set up group combat operations in Kimpo, Korea.

"Korea caught us unprepared and short of people," said Col. Hinton. "But my squadron did have a full unit of about 250 airmen and 32 officers. However, the officers, who were all pilots, were also assigned to ground jobs. The ground crew deserves all of the praise in the world because they kept our planes flying despite the lack of supplies."

On Dec. 17, snow and ice was on the runway at Kimpo, west of Seoul. The colonel led his fourship flight up to patrol the Korean

and have them drop their external tanks, but his radio was dead. Frustrated, Col. Hinton began pounding on the radio to make it to work. Meanwhile, his flight had dropped their tanks and turned away because the MiGs were coming at them. Col. Hinton dropped his tanks and flew back around.

The MiGs had split up into pairs. The rest of Col. Hinton's flight was after one pair, so he quickly maneuvered behind the second pair of MiGs.

Moving as fast as his plane could go, he shot at the lead plane. It broke away, but its partner stayed.



# Tops in Blue hits center stage

**By Ms. Monique Staskiewicz  
AWFC Public Affairs**

Free entertainment of such high caliber is hard to come by in Las Vegas. Tops in Blue will be giving team Nellis a 90-minute show that you just don't want to miss.

Not only is the show free, Nellis is providing free shuttle buses to the performance.

"It's a terrific way to say thanks to the Nellis community and Las Vegas for all the support they provide," said Col. William Curry, 57th Wing vice commander.

For more than 45 years, Tops

in Blue has been entertaining military families with a variety of music and dance. This year's 35 members will perform several songs that illustrate the theme "I Believe" throughout the night.

"Everyone should take advantage of the opportunity to see a tremendously talented group of Air Force performers who put on a great show," said Col. Curry. "I've seen several and they always entertain beyond expectations. The high energy, multi-talented performers make this a must see for the entire family."

There will be prize drawings

for \$200 in AT&T phone service and a \$200 Army and Air Force Exchange Service shopping spree given at the performance.

To catch a ride from Nellis, meet in front of the Community Center at 6 p.m. Tuesday. The show starts at 7 p.m. and is held at Artemus Ham Concert Hall on the University of Nevada, Las Vegas campus. Nellis shuttle buses will promptly return after the performance.

Contact Ms. Rosie Ward, director of the Community Center, at 652-5014 for more information.



Photo by Senior Airman Jennifer Tovar

**2nd Lt. Sarah Cantrell, Tops in Blue member, enchants audiences with the song, "If You Believe," during Tops in Blue 2000 show. The group is performing 7 p.m. Aug. 8 at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas.**



Photo by Senior Airman Melanie Bobair

## *Fruit smoothies!*

**Mr. David Kennedy, Nutrition Connection, prepares a protein shake for a customer at Nellis' Fitness Center. Patrons of the center can now purchase a variety of nutritional products and health shakes. The nutrition center is open Mondays through Fridays from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. and Saturdays, Sundays and holidays 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.**



Photo by Senior Airman Melanie Bobair

## **Slow down!**

**Airman 1st Class Jesus DeLeon, 99th Security Forces Squadron, waves through a registered vehicle. When entering the base, the speed limit is 15 mph. Vehicles must come to a stop unless the gate guard has waved them through.**





# 99th CE captures base softball championship title

By Staff Sgt. Benny Colley  
99th Services Squadron

For the fourth consecutive year, the 99th Civil Engineer Squadron has won the base intramural softball championship.

It wasn't easy, and the CE group had to go late into Sunday night to defeat a gritty 820th RED HORSE Squadron 35-10 in the final game.

CE opened its title defense with an easy 24-4 win over 57th Operations Support Squadron. Other first round games saw 99th Medical Group down 99th Service Squadron 13-7. RED HORSE humbled USAF Weapons School 18-3. The 57th Component Repair Squadron squeaked by Eagle 13-11, and 99th Security Forces blasted the Army's 6th Recruiting Brigade Team 22-4.

The 99th Supply Squadron defeated 57th Equipment Maintenance Squadron-1, 5-1. The 57th EMS-3 overwhelmed 99th CE-2, 24-5. Team Viper got by 99th Communications Squadron 13-12.

Services, 57th Operations Support Squadron, Army and 99th CS suffered their second losses in round two and they went home to enjoy their weekend.



Photo by Senior Airman Melanie Bobair

99th CES 2nd baseman Sam Sprouse bats during the championship game against 820th RED HORSE at Freedom Park Sunday.

Weapons School, Eagle, EMS-1, and CE-2 all won second round games to advance in the losers bracket.

In the winners bracket, Red Horse beat 99th MDG 13-10, 99th CE downed 57th CRS 20-5, 99th SUPS out lasted 99th SFS 15-14 and Viper got by 57th EMS-3, 6-4.

Weapons School, Eagle, 99th MDG and 99th CE-2 hit the road next with third round losses as 99th

SFS, 57th EMS-3, 57th EMS-1 and 57th CRS advanced to the next round.

In the winners bracket, 99th CE stayed undefeated crushing RED HORSE 31-11, and 99th SUPS kept pace with a convincing 23-1 win over Viper. In the winners bracket final, 99th CE launched a big inning and pulled away from 99th Supply, winning 9-3.

In the losers bracket, RED HORSE

upset 99th SFS 11-7 and Viper used the long ball to bounce 57th EMS-1, 11-9. RED HORSE then came from behind in the last inning to down Viper 16-15 and earn the right to meet Supply in the loser's bracket final. In that game, RED HORSE jumped out to a seven-run lead, only to see Supply claw back in and have the tying and winning runs on base as the last out was made.

A very tired RED HORSE team faced the daunting task of meeting the powerful 99th CE team in the finals. With all bets on a quick final game, RED HORSE continued to play inspired ball and surprised all, beating 99th CE 14-11 to force a final deciding game late Sunday night. RED HORSE's win served as a wake-up call to the three-time defending champions.

When 99th CE unloaded on RED HORSE with every weapon in the bag, the defending champs took the championship.

This was a base championship in the truest sense as seven teams were from 99th Support Group and seven teams were from 57th Wing, along with teams from the Army and the RED HORSE rounding out the play-off picture.

## Youth Basketball schedule

### Rookie League

Kings vs Lakers 11:10 a.m. Saturday  
Hurricanes vs Lakers 5:25 p.m. Tuesday

### Junior League

Fire Breathers vs 4 Horsemen 11:45 a.m. Saturday  
Tar Heels vs 4 Horsemen 6:10 p.m. Tuesday

### Senior League

Rebels vs Blazers 9 a.m. Saturday  
76ers vs Knicks 10:10 a.m. Saturday  
76ers vs Rebels 5:20 p.m. Thursday  
Knicks vs Blazers 6:30 p.m. Thursday



## Nellis News

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### **Golf tournament**

The Sunrise Vista Golf Course is sponsoring an Air Force Ball Golf Tournament Aug. 18. It's a four-person scramble with a 7:30 a.m. shotgun start. Cost is \$50 per person for military/Department of Defense employees and \$75 for civilian guests. Price includes fees, cart and lunch. Cash prizes are awarded for 1st through 3rd place. To register, call Master Sgt. Marty Anderson by Tuesday at 652-2206 or email [marty.anderson@nellis.af.mil](mailto:marty.anderson@nellis.af.mil).

### **Chiefs' positions**

The Air Force Personnel Center Chiefs' Group, in conjunction with United States Strategic Command, Headquarters Air Combat Command and Headquarters Air Mobility Command, is seeking volunteers for command chief master sergeant positions at USSTRATCOM, Offutt Air Force Base, Neb., reporting no later than Sept. 30; 355th Wing, Davis-Monthan Air Force Base, Ariz., reporting no later than Aug. 31; and 15th Air Force, Travis Air Force Base, Calif., reporting no later than Sep. 30. Contact Customer Service at 652-9072/9459 for more information.

### **NCO retraining program**

Air Force officials have announced the start of the FY01 NCO retraining program effective immediately.

About 1,200 staff, technical and master sergeants will be retrained from Air Force specialty codes with NCO overages to AFSC's with shortages. A list of retraining-out and retraining-in AFSC's is available at the Military Personnel Flight, unit orderly rooms and on the web at [www.afpc.randolph.af.mil](http://www.afpc.randolph.af.mil). Contact Senior Airman Rebecca Barnett at 652-9265 for complete details.

### **Enlisted aide**

Enthusiastic applicants are needed to fill positions at Davis-Monthan Air Force Base, Ariz.; Edwards Air Force Base, Calif.; Keesler Air Force Base, Miss.; and Ramstein Air Base, Germany. People with culinary experience are highly desirable. However, those who possess a "can-do" attitude and have the ability to interact with senior officers, enlisted aide duty may be for them. If interested, review eligibility criteria and application procedures listed in AFI 36-2123, Management of Enlisted Aides. For more information, contact Customer Service at 652-9073/9459.

### **Museum closure**

The U.S. Air Force Air Demonstration Squadron museum is closing Aug. 15 through Aug. 21 for the team's mid-season break. No public tours will be conducted on Aug. 15 or Aug. 17. Normal hours, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Mondays through Fridays, resume Aug. 22.

### **Korean War veterans**

Nellis is commemorating the 50th anniversary of the Korean War. To honor the first war the Air Force fought in as an independent service and Korean War veterans, Team Nellis is organizing a retreat ceremony and luncheon. Korean War veterans of any military service can contact Senior Airman Kelley McErlane at 249-1544 to ensure they are recognized at upcoming events and get scheduled times and locations.

### **Kidcare photo ID event**

Parents are invited to bring their children ages 12 and under to Nellis' Base Exchange main store Aug. 19 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. for Kidcare Photo Identification. Parents will receive a free, standardized high quality instant photo and identification booklet for each child. Sparky the Fire Dog will be educating families about child safety, and 99th Security Forces Squadron will fingerprint children. McGruff the Crime Dog will be handing out free goodies to the children. Bring your child's bicycle for free identification engraving. AAFES, Polaroid, and the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children sponsor Kidcare Photo Identification.

### **Veterans meeting**

The Kandel-Seigenberg Post 711 is holding its regular meeting Aug. 20 at the Maxim Hotel,

160 E. Flamingo Ave. Buffet breakfast is 9 a.m. For more information, call 453-5814.

### **Palace Chase briefing**

A Palace Chase Air Force Reserve briefing is scheduled for Wednesday and Aug. 23 at 9 a.m. in Building 20. People interested in separating early and whose date of separation is more than a year from now should attend this briefing. For more information, call 652-9073.

### **Palace Front briefing**

A Palace Front Reserve briefing is scheduled for Aug. 17 at 1 p.m. in Building 20. The Palace Front program allows eligible officers and enlisted people with a date of separation in February or earlier to continue their military service with the Air Force Reserve. Eligible people should have received a notification to attend this mandatory briefing. For more information, call 652-4806.

### **Service station drive-offs**

From January through July, Nellis experienced 58 drive offs totaling \$709. Anyone on Nellis who fails to pay for gasoline will face prosecution.



## **Buckle up!**





# Nellis Living

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**Chapel**  
**652-2950**

## Weekly schedule: Catholic worship

**Mass:** Monday through Friday: 11:30 a.m.

**Saturday:** Reconciliation, 4 p.m.; Mass, 5 p.m.

**Sunday:** Mass, 9:45 a.m. and 12:30 p.m.

## Protestant worship

**Sunday:** Gospel service: 8 a.m. Traditional service: 11:15 a.m.

## Activities

**Singles** meet 6 to 7:15 p.m. Wednesdays at the Chapel Annex. For more information, call 652-2950 or 644-6568.

**Officers' Christian Fellowship** has three home Bible studies. To find one near you, call 656-8707.

**Protestant Women of the Chapel** meet noon to 1 p.m. Wednesday. For more information, call 453-3248.

**Protestant Youth of the Chapel** meets Sunday at 1:30 p.m. in the Chapel basement. Youth in grades 7 through 12, when school starts, can come check out the PYOC and find out what's going on.

**Widows in the Neighborhood** has monthly activities including lunches, local tours and attending performances. For more information, call 459-1324 or 453-4858.

**Bible Study** is Wednesdays at 9:30 a.m. in the Chapel Annex. All are welcome. Call 459-1324 or 453-4858 for more information.

## Wedding coordinators

Nellis Chapel is looking for wedding coordinators to work directly with couples. Coordinators' names and phone numbers will be given to couples. If interested, call Master Sgt. Moyle at 652-2950.

**Community Center**  
**652-5014**

## Martial arts class

Interested in learning Jeet Kune Do? A free three-day trial to anyone age 5 and up is being offered at the Community Center. Training days are Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays at The Dock 5:30 to 7 p.m. Lessons begin Aug. 28.

**Education Center**  
**652-5280**

## Staff college

The Air Command Staff College correspondence course is no longer on hold for new enrollments. Interested members may enroll now.

## University of Oklahoma

The University of Oklahoma is accepting Fall 2000 applications for the master's in public administration program. For more information, call 652-9453.

## Embry Riddle

Embry Riddle Aeronautical University is accepting enrollments for Fall 2000. Classes start Aug. 14. Call 652-9409 for more information.

## Study skills classes

Study and testing skills classes are Monday, Tuesday, Aug. 24 and 25 from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. The classes are free.

**Family Advocacy**  
**653-3379**

## Postpartum classes

Classes are scheduled for Thursday, Aug. 24, Sept. 14 and 28 from 2 to 4 p.m.

## Breast-feeding class

Classes are scheduled for Aug. 22 and Sept. 12 and 26 from 2 to 4 p.m.

**Family Support Center**  
**652-3327**

## In And Out Budget

Set up your own budget Monday, 2 to 4 p.m. Bring your income statements, a record of all your monthly payments and hand calculator.

## Ready, Set Grow

This class is for parents of children between the ages of 3 months and 36 months. Class is Monday, 10 to 11 a.m. Come to this program and bring your little one to interact with other children.

**Golf Course**  
**652-2602**

## Club championship

The Sunrise Vista Golf Course is hosting both the base and club championship Aug. 12, 13 and 19. The entry fee is \$45 and does not include green fees or cart. If cart and green fees are prepaid, players will receive a reduced rate. Entry deadline is today at 4 p.m. The awards barbecue is Aug. 19. The base championship is open to active duty only. The club championship is open to all. *The Orleans Hotel and Casino sponsors the Base/Club Championships.*

**HAWC**  
**653-3376**

## Exercise class

People with Arthritis Can Exercise class is an arthritis activity designed to sustain and improve joint mobility, muscle tone, posture and relaxation through gentle, voluntary exercise in a fun group setting. The class is Tuesdays and Thursdays from noon to 1 p.m. at the HAWC.

## Blood pressure

High blood pressure is considered the silent killer.

Blood pressure screening is Aug. 23 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Base Exchange.

**Mike O'Callaghan Federal Hospital**  
**653-3508**

## Prepared childbirth

Four two-hour evening classes for first-time parents are scheduled for Sept. 5, Oct. 3 and 30 and Nov. 28. Class size is limited to 12 couples.

**Nellis Boys and Girls Club**  
**652-9307**

## Theatrical auditions

Auditions for the Missoula Children's Theatre production of *Sleeping Beauty* take place Monday from 10 a.m. to noon at the Base Theater. This touring team comes complete with a set, lights, costumes, props and make-up. All they need are actors. Interested participants need to sign up at Nellis Boys & Girls Club by 4 p.m. today.

## Soccer registration

Children age 5 through 15 are eligible to register for soccer Thursday through August 31. Cost is \$30 plus Nellis Boys & Girls Club membership card fee. All participants need a current physical and proof of age. Contact Mr. Bob Garcia at 652-9307 for more information.

## Family swap meet

This is the last swap meet of the summer. Clean out the garage and bring all that "stuff" to Nellis Boys & Girls Club gymnasium August 19. Cost is \$15 per table. Set up time is 7 a.m. and sell time is 8 a.m.

**Nellis Sports Bar and Grill**  
**652-2880**

## Green Flag party

Nellis Sports Bar and Grill is throwing a party to wel-

come all Green Flag participants tonight from 6 to 11. There will be food and drink specials, and drawings throughout the night.

**Outdoor Recreation Center**  
**652-8967**

## Ham radio class

Learn all the required material to earn a no-code license. This 10-week class will meet Mondays and Wednesdays, 6 to 9 p.m., beginning Aug. 21. Cost is \$25 plus book fee. Sign up at Outdoor Recreation.

**Skills Development Center**  
**652-2794**

## Hobby/Craft Bazaar

Register to sell crafts at the Semi-Annual Hobby/Craft Bazaar held in front of the Skills Development Center Sept. 30 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Cost is \$12 per table to display crafts. Participants can sign up through Sept. 28 at the Skills Development Center.

**Tickets & Tours**  
**652-2192**

## Phone cards on sale

Tickets and Tours has 100-minute phone cards on sale for \$10 and 200-minute phone cards for \$20. Cards are available at these prices through Saturday.

## Sizzler contest

Tickets and Tours is having a gigantic ticket giveaway. Look for entry blanks at every services facility. Drop entry forms off at ITT. Each prize package includes passes to one or more of the following: Wet 'n Wild, Circus Circus: Adventure Dome, All American Sport Park, Star Trek: The Experience and Scandia Family Fun Center. One entry per person ages 10 and older. Drawings take place Aug. 16.